GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Road Rage Incidents
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to incidents of road rage occurring frequently;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check these incidents;

(c) the number of cases that came to light during the last year across the country so far and the number of incidents in which human lives were lost;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons behind these road rage incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations are running awareness campaigns or proposes to introduce such schemes to check such incidents, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways collects data on road accidents from all States/UTs in a format developed as per the Asia Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) project of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) region. Under this format, the data on incidence of road rage are not collected. Road rage is not a traffic violation but a criminal offence which is dealt with under existing law by the enforcement agency of the State Government/UTs concerned. Maintenance of law and order is the responsibility of the State Government/UTs. Under the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 (CMVRs), there are provisions in force to deter behaviours leading to road rage and penalties thereto.

(e) With a view to raise road safety awareness including road rage among the general public, the Government have been undertaking various publicity measures through Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP) and professional agencies in the form of telecasting / broadcasting of T.V. spots/Radio jingles, organizing Road Safety Week, Seminars, Exhibitions, All India Essay Competition on Road Safety, printing of calendar, children activity books, posters, etc., containing road safety messages for various segments of road users viz. Pedestrians, cyclists, school children, heavy vehicle drivers, etc.
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